



LINCOLN CAMERA CLUB

Annual General Meeting Minutes 22nd May 2018

Held at Lincoln Cathedral Centre, 17 Minster Yard, Lincoln, LN2 1PX and starting at 19:30.

Present: Jorj Malinowski (President), Karen Bassett, Kristy Hill, David Weaver, Audrey Stanley, Alastair Scammell, Dawn McCall and David Tabberner of the Executive Committee. There were 17 members present, excluding the Executive Committee.

1. **Apologies for absence:** members: Jane Wright, Margaret Wayman and Lynne Grebenik
2. **The minutes** from the previous AGM held on the 23rd May 2017 were read out/circulated. Dave Tabberner, seconded by Eion Culthard, proposed they be approved. The proposal was passed.
3. **Matters arising from the previous minutes** – Mike Lincoln asking about the school's photo competition idea mentioned at last year's AGM, Jorj saying that this will be discussed later on.
4. **Election of scrutineers** – Dawn McCall and David Tabberner were elected.
5. **Election of auditor** – Tim Scott was proposed by Jorj Malinowski and seconded by David Tabberner. The proposal was accepted.
6. **President's Report** – Jorj read out the President's Report.
7. **Treasurer's Report** – David Weaver presented the club accounts. He explained the income and expenditures of the club. David Davies commented that the balance wouldn't be a deficit if the Skipton balance was displayed. The room hire expenditure has fallen due to us using the room less this past year. Membership income was less this year due to a few new members joining towards the end of the year and therefore membership subscription was reduced. A few comments on low interests rate (discussed further later on).
 - **Auditor's comments** – Tim Scott went through accounts. Only a couple of mistakes in that figures in the wrong column but all added up once correctly placed.
 - **Treasurer's Report** – Report was proposed by David Davies and seconded by John Steadman. Report was approved.
 - **Proposal for subscriptions** – Jorj requested this be moved to section 12. David Weaver proposed, David Davies seconded. Proposal approved.
8. **Trustees' Report** – the Trustees' report was read out by David Weaver. The number of trustees was brought up. Jorj explained that it used to be 3 nominated people but that was changed a few years back to be the Committee members. We could change again in the future if the members wanted to. Eion queried if we could move £1,000 out of the account with £86,000 in it but David Weaver explained how we would end up being worse off if we did so. The Trustees' report was proposed by Dave Tabberner and seconded by Dave Chapman. The report was approved.



- 9. **General Secretary’s Report** – Kristy Hill read her report to the club. Dawn proposed, seconded by Karen Bassett. The report was approved.
- 10. **Election of officers** – The current members of the committee all stepped down. Tim Scott proposed each to be re-elected and asked for new members to join the Executive Committee. Dave Chapman, Kerys Eyton-Williams, Steve Percival and Chris Gresham all volunteered to join the committee. Each of the Honorary Officers were accepted and the Executive Committee was accepted.

Position	Present holders of post:	Nominees:
President:	Jorj Malinowski	Jorj Malinowski
General Secretary:	Kristy Hill	Kristy Hill
Treasurer:	David Weaver	David Weaver
Executive Committee: (up to 8 members)	Karen Bassett Audrey Stanley David Tabberner Jorj Malinowski Dawn McCall Alastair Scammell	Karen Bassett Audrey Stanley David Tabberner Dave Chapman Kerys Eaton-Williams Steve Percival Chris Gresham

11. **Cathedral Centre rent** – David Weaver explained to the members that the rent has increased. How should we continue? What are members’ feelings about new premises? David Davies stated that we’ve been at the premises for 14 years and they’ve not increased rent for a number of years. The Cathedral Centre may not be available in the near future anyway as it might be needed for other uses to do with the Cathedral. Dave Hewson thinks the premises is good for the price. Darren [*last name*] stated that the free parking was a bonus. Jorj suggesting a few alternatives that were discussed in the last committee meeting: Methodist Church Hall in the Bail, the Lawns, Priory. These are just suggestions, we haven’t researched them at all yet. Asking members to keep an eye out and let us have any ideas. David Davies commented that we are keyholders at the Cathedral Centre and would really need to be at the new premises too. Eoin said he thinks the Methodist Hall is currently used every night so wouldn’t be available to us. Also it has no storage but he will look into this for us.

12. **Finances** – David Weaver explained the options for us: increase membership fees, have an extra fee on the door each night or fewer meetings.

Darren pointed out that if we had a charge each night on the door then it would be extra hassle to collect and bank the money etc. Also, those members who can’t attend many club meetings but still want to support the club wouldn’t be able to.

Alastair Scammell asked what the benefit was of having a trust fund. Jorj replied that



it keeps funds safe for the future of the club. David Davies commented that originally when we sold the old premises it was for the benefit of future members and that we should honour their decision to keep the funds safe.

Tim Scott suggested that while interest is low we could use some of the capital for expenses to keep subscriptions low but keep it on a balancing act. Jorj said we would be too reliant on interest rates rising to do this effectively and it could be risky.

Jorj proposed:

- a) We stay at current premises but keep an eye out for new ones;
- b) Subs go up to £30 or £40
- c) Dipping into our balance but with a maximum cut off point.

Members voted 14 to 11 that subs increase to £30 as opposed to £40.

As of today subs are now £30 per year.

What maximum level should we set on dipping into finances? Jorj proposed a limit of using £20,000 over 5/6 years. David Davies commented that this is a decision for the committee to make, not the members. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Jorj pointed out that the committee have decided not to continue with the Bursary scheme due to lack of funds.

Any charity giving would be halted until further notice apart from our work with charities to help with photographing events, photo shows etc, e.g. St Barnabas, LCE stand

Could we fund raise in the future? Dawn McCall suggested doing a Christmas card competition.

Darren asking how we currently advertise the club. Jorj saying mainly through events eg St Barnabas, exhibitions, LCE stand and general word of mouth through external competitions, etc.

Tim Scott suggested reinstating the raffle but to keep it simple – bottle of wine and box of choc for example. 15 voted in favour of starting up the raffle again. Mike Lincoln offered to run it. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Darren asked for specifics of what we need for the new premises, i.e. number of seats, storage, etc as he has somewhere in mind for us. To be discussed at next committee meeting.

13. **Internal competitions** – Jorj asking why people aren't entering. A few suggestions from members:



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- less applied competitions, more open ones
- too many external competitions? Jorj stating these actually help the club. He often uses internal pictures for the external comps so this is not a problem.
- Too many competitions?
- Could we re-introduce a points system rather than placings. Members voted: 2 in favour of points system so we will keep the current rating system.
- Separate league table for prints and pdis?
- Internal judges?

All to be discussed at the next committee meeting.

14. Club history book – David Weaver is now up to 2006 and would like someone to review the book at present. David Davies volunteered.

Meeting closed at 21:19.